

WEATHER.

Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, with moderate temperature; moderate southwest winds.

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CITY TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S BIRTH

Official Signal of the Exact Minute Will Be Sent From Arlington by Wireless.

OLDEST INHABITANTS TO GREET PRESIDENT

G. A. R. Also to March to White House Reception.

PROGRAMS OF THE CHURCHES

Watchers in Homes and in Downtown Hotels and Restaurants Will Welcome "Baby 1913" Tonight.

Vale 1912.

Today is the last day of the old year and the threshold of the new. At midnight tonight whistles will shriek and bells will clamorously proclaim the birth of the baby 1913, while watchers in thousands of homes, in many of the city's churches and in all the downtown cafes will greet the dawning of the new twelve months with laughter and cheery words of hopefulness, or with a sigh of regret for the year that has just passed off the face of the calendar and into the history of things that are finished.

New Year Time Signal.

A new year time signal will be sent from the Naval Observatory by radio via the Arlington station. The signal will be identical with the daily noon signal sent to the coast radio stations. Being sent away from the Arlington station, however, it will have a much greater radius. It is expected that it will cover the entire coast of the North Atlantic ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean sea, and possibly reach across the continent to some of the radio stations on the Pacific coast. The signal will begin about five minutes before midnight, and the beat of the signal will be transmitted by the Arlington station. The signal will be transmitted by the Arlington station. The signal will be transmitted by the Arlington station.

Has Already Caught Paris.

The great new wireless tower at Arlington has succeeded in catching the time signal from the Eiffel tower, in Paris, at a distance of approximately 3,000 miles, according to information given out by the Navy Department today. The signal was received in connection with the plans that are being made to attempt to reach the Eiffel tower and other stations throughout the world at midnight tonight to flash "New Year Greeting."

Navy Department officials are hopeful that the Arlington tower can flash its messages to the Eiffel tower tonight, because the American tower operates a Morse code, which is the same as the Eiffel tower. The fact that the Eiffel tower has been notified to watch for the New Year signal, the fact of the Arlington tower being able to catch the signal since its erection, but it is believed to be only a preliminary to the great extension of its zone of communication.

Will Try for Clifton Tonight.

Wireless records are undoubtedly held by the Clifton, Ireland, station, with which Marconi exchanged signals at a distance of nearly 5,000 miles. The Navy Department is endeavoring to establish a New Year greeting to the Eiffel tower, the Clifton station, and Key West, Cuba, and Point Loma (California) stations, and to vessels on the Atlantic and Pacific. In case the stations in Ireland or Cuba secure the message, the wireless greeting will probably go well on its way around the globe, following the wireless route along the Mediterranean and the Suez canal.

Arrangements All Made.

All the downtown places of entertainment have completed preparations for elaborate observance of the night and for pretentiously welcoming the new year, while at scores of churches and Sunday schools night services of song and prayer will be held. The city's annual program of New Year receptions will occur tomorrow, the chief of these, of course, being the President's reception to official and private Washington. Weather conditions for tomorrow, according to the forecast issued today, are more unpleasant than in the past, the prediction being for increasing cloudiness and possible rain tomorrow.

May Be Last for a While.

But no amount of rain short of an actual downpour can quench the enthusiasm of Washington residents or militate against the presence at the White House. Additional interest is felt in tomorrow's reception by reason of the fact that President-to-be Wilson has indicated that he may abandon the custom that has prevailed since a break for nearly three-quarters of a century, and do away with the annual New Year reception at the White House. He will try to do with many similar functions involving receptions and handshaking. If the incoming President adheres to his expressed ideas along this line tomorrow's reception may be the last of such kind for a long time. The President-elect will have the opportunity to call upon the President of the United States and shake his hand at the White House beginning at 10 o'clock.

President Greeted From Abroad.

New Year greetings have been received at the White House from the sovereigns of Italy and Germany, and from the King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, sent to President Taft the following message: "Many good wishes to you and your country for the new year." The message to the President from Emperor William of Germany read: "At the close of the year I express to you and to the American people my sincerest good wishes for the coming year."

Association Oldest Inhabitants.

Following the January meeting of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants at their hall, 19th and H streets northwest, tomorrow morning, the members of the association will attend the President's reception in a body. Theodore W. Noyes will read his usual New Year day reception Wednesday to the Washington National Monument Society, owing to the recent death of his brother, Thomas C. Noyes. The Washington Y. M. C. A. will "keep" (Continued on Second Page.)

SHAW UNDER PROBE

Arrests of Autoists by Constable Investigated.

ALLEGED 'ROADSIDE' COURT

Commissioners of Montgomery County, Md., to Give Hearing.

ILLEGAL ACTION CHARGED

Attorney to Report to the Board at Meeting in Rockville Next Tuesday.

The action of Constable Shaw of Glen Echo in arresting automobile drivers on Connecticut avenue near Chevy Chase a week ago last Sunday, as well as that officer's former activity in the matter of making arrests outside his own territory, is to be investigated by the board of county commissioners of Montgomery county. The investigation is to be conducted by John A. Garrett, attorney for the board, and Mr. Garrett's report will be heard at a special meeting of the commissioners next Tuesday in Rockville.

The investigation was undertaken on demand of George Bradley, member of the board from the Bethesda district. Mr. Bradley informed the other members of the board, at a meeting today, of the action of Constable Shaw in making numerous arrests on local roads and on allegations of violations of obscure and unfamiliar features of the state automobile laws of Maryland.

Constable Shaw, being an appointee of the board of county commissioners, is responsible to the board for his actions. It appears, however, that no orders of any kind were issued to the Glen Echo officer to make arrests, and that he has not reported his latest activities to the board.

Board Not Officially Informed.

The other members besides Mr. Bradley at today's meeting declared that they had no facts before them other than those given the board by The Star and by persons who were arrested by Constable Shaw and fined by the Glen Echo justice of the peace, holding a roadside court near the Chevy Chase Club a week ago last Sunday. The constable, the board members declared, nor the justice had as yet filed any report of the arrests made. On Mr. Bradley's representation the board immediately directed Attorney Garrett to make a thorough investigation of the arrests made by Constable Shaw and of the fines assessed by the Glen Echo justice of the peace, and to report to the board next Tuesday.

Shaw to Be Heard.

At the meeting, it was understood, Constable Shaw will be given an opportunity to explain his alleged unwarranted action in invading the territory of another justice and making numerous arrests, as well as in bringing with him a justice of the peace for the purpose of holding a roadside "court" and fining motorists for alleged minor infractions of the law.

MEXICAN REBELS ACTIVE

Situation in Durango Beyond Control of Federal Authorities, It Is Said.

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Consular reports to the State Department from Durango state that during the last few days the rebels have been very active to the north and east of that city and much valuable property has been destroyed. Durango is completely isolated by railroads and partially so by telegraph. Many bridges have been burned on the railway to Torreon.

The situation is stated to be beyond the control of the federal authorities with the troops now at their disposal and the rebels are constantly becoming bolder and approaching nearer the city. Refugees from the outlying districts relate pitiful stories about rigors and sufferings.

General Condition Improved.

Reports from Chihuahua indicate that the general condition on the border has considerably improved during the past week. Lower California continues peaceful.

Admitting that a considerable quantity of military stores are being gathered at El Paso the War Department officials declare that there is only a temporary delay in the movement of the troops already gathered in Texas, and that there is no intention of making El Paso a military base for the army. The plans of the department contemplate the establishment of but three camps, one in Philadelphia, one in St. Louis and the other at Fort Mason, San Francisco, and already the assembling of vast quantities of ordnance material and other stores at those points has begun.

WHEN MISS GOULD WILL WED.

Ventures a Guess That It Will Be About January 30.

NEW HAVEN, December 31.—Miss Helen Gould and her affianced, Finley T. Shepard, left here yesterday for New York city. During their stay here they have been accompanied by Mr. Shepard's sister, Mrs. Burton Wright of Worcester, Mass., who has been in the city for some time and carried several articles of baggage belonging to Mrs. Wright.

The girls left for New York city Mr. Shepard and Miss Gould occupied a seat in an ordinary passenger coach on the express train.

No engagement ring was visible on Miss Gould's hand. She parried questions relating to the date of her wedding, venturing the "guess" that it would take place close to January 30.

FOUR ROADS FINED \$1,000.

Violation of Interstate Commerce Laws Charged in Each Case.

CHICAGO, December 31.—Four railroad companies were fined \$1,000 each yesterday by United States District Judge Carpenter for violation of interstate commerce laws.

The Illinois Valley and the Nickel Plate were fined for paying rebates on shipments of fish and oysters to A. Booth & Co.

The Illinois Central and the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific railroads were fined for issuing fraudulent passes to caretakers of bananas on shipments of fruit to Chicago. All of the roads pleaded guilty. The indictments in each case were more than three years old.

STRIKE WILL GO ON

Garment Workers in New York Continue to Remain Out.

MEN URGED TO BE FIRM

Leaders Tell Them to Insist Upon Their Demands.

PLAN TO QUIT WORK TONIGHT

Waiters, Cooks and Kitchen Help in New York Threaten Strike.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Notwithstanding the efforts of the international peace forum, the state board of mediation and arbitration and the chamber of commerce to bring about arbitration, the strike of garment workers in New York and vicinity continued unabated today. The number of strikers is variously estimated at from 73,000 to 125,000.

Mass meetings were held throughout the city last night, and leaders urged the strikers to remain firm and to refuse offers of settlement unless accompanied by the granting of their demands—more pay and better working conditions.

Strike in Hotels Tonight.

A strike of thousands of waiters, cooks, kitchen workers and elevator runners in the big hotels of the city has been set for tonight, New Year eve, by the International Hotel Workers' Union. The hotel managers deride the idea, and say there will be no difficulty in handling the throngs which will watch the old year out.

The announcement that there would be a strike followed an all-night meeting of the union's officers, and was entirely unexpected by the hotel managers. According to union officials, several big hotels have already agreed to meet the workers' demands.

Although members of the Hotel Men's Association thought there would be no strike, a banquet given by the association was called to frame eleventh-hour plans to meet a possible emergency.

It has been estimated that New Yorkers spend a million dollars in feasting New Year eve.

According to representatives of the union it is planned to extend the strike tonight to hotels and restaurants in Philadelphia, Albany, Rochester, Syracuse, New Haven, Hartford and other cities.

Strike Here Not Expected.

A strike of the waiters and cooks in the downtown hotels and cafes of Washington is not expected tonight, as practically all of the large places have colored servants. The International Hotel Workers' Union, which has threatened the strike for New York tonight, through Washington Local No. 1, called the strike here in October, and with the exception of a few individuals, the hotels have not filled the places of the strikers with white men.

Although the union claims that it has succeeded in securing practically all of the colored waiters in its ranks, a strike of the colored men tonight, as stated, is not looked for. Some of the waiters of the opinion that the first strike was called before the waiters were properly organized, and that mistake, they say, will not be repeated.

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THOUGHTS OF 1912.

ROCKEFELLER GUARDED BY PRIVATE DETECTIVES

Attempt Made to Frustrate Process Servers—House Surrounded.

NEW YORK, December 31.—It became known today that to protect his interests and to frustrate any possible attempt by subpoena servers to forcibly enter his home, William Rockefeller has himself employed private detectives. The officers could be seen in the windows of the 5th avenue residence today. They are from a rival agency to that which is aiding the government.

Dr. Walter F. Chappell, Mr. Rockefeller's physician, was seen to enter the residence today. He remained for some time. This, in the opinion of the subpoena servers, indicated beyond a doubt that Mr. Rockefeller was within.

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MAY GET MORE PAY

Probable Increase for the Navy Yard Employees.

Belief That Secretary Will Ask Congress to Approve.

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TARIFF SESSION DATE UP AT TRENTON TODAY

Wilson Looking Forward to Conference With Underwood on Subject.

TRENTON, N. J., December 31.—President-to-be Wilson devoted the morning hours to conferences with state officials. He looked forward, he said, to the visit of Representative Underwood later in the day, after which it was expected something definite might become known as to the date of the extra session of Congress and plans for tariff revision.

John Maynard Harlan of Chicago, son of the late Justice Harlan of the United States Supreme Court, dropped in to greet the President-to-be today.

Is Personal Friend.

"Being a republican," he smiled, "there can, of course, be no significance to my visit." He is a personal friend of the governor.

The President-to-be talked briefly with John A. Ballaine of Seattle, Wash., about the Alaskan situation. He arranged for an appointment with him later, and for a series of conferences at which delegations will present their views upon the opening of coal lands in Alaska.

Mr. Ballaine said he and Democratic State Chairman Hoffman of Washington were appointed to a committee to bring Alaskan questions before the President-to-be at an early date. Mr. Hoffman, he added, was ill, but would soon confer with Mr. Wilson.

HITCHCOCK TO OFFICIATE

Postmaster General to Inaugurate Parcel Post System at Midnight.

The first package to be mailed in Washington under the provisions of the new parcel post system will be deposited in the city post office immediately after midnight tonight by Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock. Surrounded by officials of the department and by members of the board which has had charge of the work of preparation, Mr. Hitchcock will help to inaugurate the new service with a touch of official formality.

Reports to the Post Office Department today from all divisions throughout the country indicate that the equipment and the workmen are ready for the great inauguration of the new service, which will be inaugurated on the postal service New Year day.

More Clerks to Handle Rush.

The system becomes operative at midnight, and in all city offices where an all-night service is carried on the forces will be strengthened for the early morning business.

While 60,000 post offices will become stations for the receipt of packages tomorrow, the great majority of them will be open only a few hours because of the New Year holiday regulations. Officials of the department hope that the increase of package business will therefore be gradual, and that the postal system will be able to adapt itself to the demands of the new service before the end of the week.

Spanish Cabinet Resigns.

MADRID, Spain, December 31.—Count Romanones today handed the king the resignation of the cabinet. This was in fulfillment of the understanding when he assumed the premiership after the assassination of Premier Canalejas. The ministry includes some discordant elements and Alfonso requested the count to form a new government.

PLEASED WITH VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Taft and Party Return From Panama.

CAREFUL INSPECTION MADE

First Ship to Pass Through Canal Early in August.

MAY SEND SPECIAL MESSAGE

President Probably Will Advise Congress of Conditions—Col. Goethals Here for Conference.

President and Mrs. Taft and the party which went to Panama with them returned to Washington at 10 o'clock this morning on a special train over the Atlantic Coast Line, having been absent 17 days.

The President is much pleased with conditions in the Panama Canal Zone. He put in three days of careful inspection of the work, beginning with the famous Gatun dam and locks and ending with a sail down the Pacific end of the waterway, passing the locks at the mouth of the canal that are now being fortified by the United States. Col. Goethals, who accompanied the President throughout the tour of inspection, returned to Washington with him and will be here several weeks, during which time he will have one or two conferences with Mr. Taft.

President Taft is expected to send to the Senate within a short time the nomination of Col. Goethals as civil governor of the Canal Zone under the Panama Canal act of the last session of Congress.

First Ship to Pass in August.

Col. Goethals is still confident that he will be able to turn the water into the canal and permit the first ship to pass through early in August, although there remains to be done a tremendous amount of excavating in the great Culebra cut and elsewhere and the completion of the locks. The first ship, the Miguel and Milaflores. Officially, for general use, the canal will not be ready for the world's commerce until January 1, 1915. Among many well informed officials in the zone Col. Goethals is said to be too optimistic